and flora is strictly regulated according to the provisions of the Convention. The expert policy of wildlife and articles thereof is already stringent.

United Nations conference on environment

2816. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) has sought a reorientation of the policy framework to deal comprehensively and effectively with environmental problems;

(b) whether the UNCED has also regretted the Indian Government's failure to implement numerous environment protection schemes; and

(c) if so, Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

Pending projects for clearance

2817. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of projects of Madhya Pradesh are pending clearance with Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and since when each project is pending;

(c) what are the reasons for the delay; and

(d) by when Government propose to clear all these projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) As on 30.11.1991, 70 proposals are pending with hte Central Government under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

(b) Out of 70 proposals, 53 pertain to Minor Irrigation Projects, 1 to Major Irrigation Project, 12 to Mining Projects, 2 to Road Projects and 2 to Transmission Line Projects. As on 30.11.91, 57 proposals are pending for less than three months, 11 for three to six months, and only 2 proposals for more than six months.

(c) As on 30.11.91, out of 70 proposals, 23 proposals were pending as essential details sought from the State Government were not received, 13 proposals were pending for site inspection, 11 proposals were pending for consideration by the Advisory Committee, 10 proposals were under process for final decision, 11 proposals were under process and 2 proposals were pending for want of environmental clearance.

(d) Out of 70 proposals, 6 proposals have since been approved in principle. Final decision in respect of proposals received under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is taken expeditiously, after receipt of all the essential details from the State Goernment.

Formulation of scheme for afforestation in Madhya Pradesh

2818. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any scheme for afforestation in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) if so what are the details of the scheme and the funds earmrked for the purpose;

(c) whether Government propose to involve the Adivasis (Scheduled Tribes) of the State in the afforestation programme; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) and (b) Afforestation/tree planting activities under the 20-Point Programme are being carried out all over the country, including Madhya Pradesh.

Apart from the afforestation/tree planting activities carried out under the State Plans, such activties are also being carried out through the schemes of the Central Government. The National Wastelands Development Board (NWDB) is implementing the following Central Sector/Centrally Sponsored Schemes:—

(i) Integrated Wastelands Development Projects Scheme.

(ii) Fuelwood/Fodder Projects Scheme.

(iii) People's Nurseries Scheme.

(iv) Margin Money Scheme.

(v) Raising of Minor Forest Produce, including Medicinal Plants, Scheme.

(vi) Seed Development Scheme.

(vii) Aerial Seeding Scheme.

(viii) Grants-in-Aid Scheme (for Voluntary Agences).

In addition, the the Department of Rural Development are implementing schemes like the Desert Development Programme (DDP), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), etc. and the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation are implementing schems like River Valley Projects (RVP) Scheme, National Watershed Development Project for Rainfed Areas (NWDPRA), etc. which also include afforestaton/tree planting activities.

The total allocation for Madhya Pradesh for afforestation/tree planting activities under the 20-Point Programme during 1991-92 is Rs. 60.73 crores.

(c) and (d) Afforestation/tree planting activities are carried out through the involvement of the local people ncluding the tribal people. However, certain schemes like the NWDB's scheme for raising Minor Forest Produce, including Medicinal Plants, are specially focussed to benefit the tribal people. Similarly, the Drought Prone Areas Programme and the Desert Development Programme, when implemented in areas having tribal population, benefit the tribal people directly. The Ministry of Environment & Forests have also issued guidelines on Ist June, 1990, for involving the local communities, including the tribals, in the protecton and development of degraded forest lands on the basis of their taking at share of the usufructs from such lands. It is proposed to give continued emphasis to the involvement of tribal people in programmes of afforestation/tree planting in the future.

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2819. **सरदार जगजीत सिंह अरोड़ा :**
श्री राम जेठमलानी :

क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि राष्ट्रीय वन नीति में मूलरूप से देश के 33 प्रतिशत भूमि क्षेत्र में वन सुरक्षित रखने की घोषणा की गई थी; यदि हां, तो क्या वनों की निरन्तर कटाई किये जाने से यह प्रतिशत बहुत कम हो गया है ;

(ख) देश में किये गये अंतिम सर्वेक्षण के अनुसार कितनी भूमि पर वन है ;

(ग) क्या सरकार ने राज्यवार सर्वेक्षण करवाया है ;

(घ) यदि हां, तो सबसे कम वन क्षेत्र किस राज्य में हैं और सबसे अधिक वन क्षेत्र वाला राज्य कौन सा है ; और

(ङ) सबसे कम भूमि वाले राज्य में वन कम हो जाने के क्या कारण है ?